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**To:** Washington State Board of Health Members  
**From:** Don Sloma, Executive Director  
**Re:** **WASHINGTON HEALTH FOUNDATION SUMMIT --- VALUES STATEMENT**

**Background**

On October 28, the Washington Health Foundation will convene a "Health Leadership Summit" to seek agreement on a statement of shared values among many key health system stakeholders in Washington, including business, government, provider and consumer groups. This is a culmination of their year long "Community Roundtables" effort that convened more than 40 community forums where "community values" were discussed that might guide a new round of health system reform. The attached conference announcement details the scope and purpose of the Summit.

Governor Locke is expected to attend the event and urge collaboration among the broad array of assembled interest groups toward improvement of our state's health and medical care systems. Conference participants are set to discuss the attached draft values statement, distilled from the 40 community meetings, and come away having decided by a vote on some version of the draft. Governor Locke has been advertised as the first signer of a resolution committing all signers to work toward whatever shared values result from the Summit. A draft of that resolution is attached.

The Summit's organizers invited me to present one of eight brief statements on the key value held by the State Board of Health on health reform as part of the opening of the event. The invitation letter is attached. I was also asked to represent the Washington Public Health Association's views. In addition, Health Department Secretary Selecky was also asked to present a statement.

I prepared the attached "*Draft Washington State Board of Health Statement of Values to Guide Health Care Reform*" to reflect my understanding of the Board's primary interest in "Stable System Funding". The draft also describes the Board and PHIP work on Access to Critical Health Services. It has been circulated for comment to Board members Lake, Selecky, Gray and Locke and I have incorporated changes suggested by Dr. Gray.

I would like the Board to modify and approve a statement in some form, to give me clear guidance on this relatively "high profile" opportunity to represent your views.

**Board action recommended:**

***The Board approves the Draft Washington State Board of Health Statement of Values to Guide Health Care Reform for presentation to the Washington Health Foundation Health Leadership Summit.***

Attachments